

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows. A copy of all pending claims and a status of the claims is provided below.

1. (currently amended) In a strain relief clamp for use with a connector that is mounted on ~~the~~ an end of a cable, wherein the cable is provided with identification markings, wherein the cable may be cut to length so that one of the identification markings which is a marking of interest appears directly behind ~~the~~ a shell of the connector when the connector is mounted on the cable, the improvement in the strain relief clamp comprising:

a transparent portion through which the marking of interest on the cable is visible when the strain relief clamp is installed on the connector.

2. (original) The strain relief clamp of claim 1, further including an antikink protective sleeve.
3. (original) The strain relief clamp of claim 1, wherein the transparent portion includes a rectangular window.
4. (original) The strain relief clamp of claim 1, wherein the transparent portion includes a transparent ring.
5. (original) The strain relief clamp of claim 4, wherein the transparent ring is arranged in a groove of the strain relief clamp.

6. (original) The strain relief clamp of claim 1, wherein the transparent portion includes a ring arranged in a groove of the strain relief clamp, wherein the ring is transparent in an area that makes the marking of interest visible when the clamp is installed on the connector, and the ring is substantially opaque elsewhere.

7. (original) A method for identifying a cable that has identification markings on its end section, comprising the steps of:

cutting a cable such that a marking of interest appears directly behind a shell of a connector when the connector is mounted on the cable;

putting a strain relief clamp on the cable before the connector is mounted on the cable, wherein the strain relief clamp includes a transparent portion that makes visible the marking of interest when the connector is mounted on the cable and the strain relief clamp is installed on the connector;

mounting the connector on the cable; and

installing the strain relief clamp on the connector so that the marking of interest is visible through the transparent portion.

8. (newly added) The strain relief clamp of claim 4, wherein the transparent ring is provided about an entire circumference of the strain relief clamp.

9. (newly added) The strain relief clamp of claim 5, wherein the transparent ring is movably guided within the groove.

10. (newly added) The method of claim 7, wherein the transparent portion is a transparent ring.
11. (newly added) The method of claim 10, wherein a portion of the transparent ring is substantially opaque.
12. (newly added) The method of claim 10, further comprising arranging the transparent ring in a groove.
13. (newly added) A connector assembly, comprising:
 - a connector body adapted to connect to a cable having identification marks thereon; and
 - a strain relief clamp fixedly mounted on the connector, the strain relief clamp having a window proximate an end of the strain relief clamp aligning with a prescribed identification mark of the identification marks on the cable, the window being circumferentially positioned about the entire strain relief clamp.
14. (newly added) The connector assembly of claim 13, wherein the window comprises a transparent portion and an opaque portion.
15. (newly added) The connector assembly of claim 13, wherein the strain relief clamp comprises a groove.
16. (newly added) The connector assembly of claim 15, wherein the window defines a ring.
17. (newly added) The connector assembly of claim 16, wherein the ring is rotatably mounted within the groove.